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CALCUTTA FOR AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN

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SUBJECT: FURTHER REPORTS ON SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PLANS
TO VISIT INDIA

REF: NEW DELHI 7447

1. THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MOVED QUICKLY TO CORRECT THE PRESS REPORTS YESTERDAY (REFTEL) THAT DR. KISSINGER HAD "POSTPONED" HIS TRIP TO INDIA BY HAVING ITS PRESS SPOKESMAN GIVE A BACKGROUNDER STATING THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF ANY POSTPONEMENT OF THE SECRETARY'S TRIP SINCE NO FIRM DATE FOR THE TRIP HAD EVER BEEN FIXED. IN REPORTING THE BACK-GRINDER JUNE 6, THE PRESS WAS STILL UNABLE TO RESIST SOME SPECULATION, ONE PAPER GUESSING AT JULY AND ANOTHER AT A VISIT EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER THE SECRETARY'S TRAVEL TO MOSCOW.

2. COMMENT: OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT THE GOI IS HANDLING THIS QUESTION CAREFULLY AND CORRECTLY. AS AN INDICATION OF THE KIND OF MISCHIEVOUS REPORTING THAT CONTINUES TO
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PASS FOR NEWS HERE, HOWEVER, WE CITE A STORY ATTRIBUTED TO

PRESS ASIA INTERNATIONAL, AN OBSUCRE LOCAL AGENCY, AND
PUBLISHED JUNE 6 IN MOTHERLAND, THE ULTRA-RIGHTIST, GENERALLY ANTI-US
ORGAN OF THE JANA SANGH.

3. QUOTING AN ALLEGED (AND AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED NON-
EXISTENT) "HIGHLY PLACED AMERICAN SOURCE", THE STORY SAYS QTE
ALL THE WORK PAINSTAKINGLY DONE BY AMBASSADORS MOYNIHAN AND
KAUL APPEARS TO HAVE GONE DOWN THE DRAIN. KISSINGER VISIT WOULD
BE MORE APPROPRIATE AT A TIME WHEN SOME SPADE WORK HAS BEEN
DONE AGAIN TO PUT INDO-AMERICAN RELATIONS ON AN EVEN KEEL. END
QTE. STORY THEN ALLEGES THAT PAK FONMIN AZIZ AHMED TOLD
PAKISTANI NEWSMEN IN WASHINGTON THAT PRESIDENT NIXON HAD ASSURED
HIM THAT QTE AMERICA WILL SEE TO IT THAT INDIA IS NOT ABLE TO USE
MASSIVE ECONOMIC AID TO FULFILL ITS AMBITION TO BECOME A VIABLE
NUCLEAR POWER. END QTE.

4. IT'S ALL JUNK, BUT SOME PEOPLE READ IT HERE.
MOYNIHAN

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